



U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly – Indiana

United States Service Academy Nominations - Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Service Academy Congressional Nomination?

- A nomination is the selection made by an authorized source under the provisions of Title 10 of the U.S. Code. There are two types of nominations: 1) Congressional and; 2) Presidential/Military Service connection

Am I allowed to apply for a nomination from more than one source?

- Yes. Senator Donnelly encourages students to apply with both U.S. Senators, your House Member, the Vice President's office, and any other avenues for which they are eligible.

When should I start the nomination process?

- Students are encouraged to start the application process in the Spring prior to the year in which they hope to attend the Academy.
 - Example: If you hope to attend the Naval Academy in the Fall of 2018, we encourage you to begin their application process in the Spring of 2017.
- We also recommend that you create your online portal at the Academy of your choice. You can create this by visiting the Academy's admissions page on its website.

When is the deadline for applying with your office?

- The nomination application deadline for the class of 2022 is Friday, September 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m (EDT). This is an absolute deadline with **no exceptions**. All required information must be received by the deadline or the application will not be included in the consideration process.

Will you accept my SAT/ACT scores that are listed on my transcripts?

- No, due to possibility of human error, we cannot accept test scores listed on your transcripts. We recommend using our codes at the time of your testing to ensure that your results will be sent directly to our office. **SAT: 0208, ACT: 7128.**

Who can apply for the Military service nominations?

- Children of a deceased or disabled member of the Armed Forces are eligible to apply for a Military Service nomination if the parent was killed or became 100% disabled by wounds or injuries received or disease contracted while on active duty;
- Children of Armed Service members, or children of civilian employees in active government service who are in an official determined status of Missing In Action;
- Children of Congressional Medal of Honor recipients from any branch of the Armed Services.



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Am I allowed to apply for a Presidential Nomination?

- If you qualify for a Presidential Nomination, we strongly encourage you to also apply for it. To be eligible to apply for a Presidential Nomination you must meet the following criteria:
 - A parent must be on active duty and have served continuously on active duty for at least eight years;
 - A parent must be retired with pay or have been granted retired or retainer pay;
 - A parent must be a Reservist or National Guard member (see Section 12733, Title 10 U. S. Code for more details); and ,
 - A parent must have died after being retired with pay or being granted retired or retainer pay.

How do I apply for a Presidential Nomination?

- You will need to reach out to the Admissions Department of the Academy of your choice.

Can I apply for a nomination from your office if I am currently on Active Duty or in the Reserves?

- Yes. You will need to follow the same application process as other applicants. We also recommend that you contact your Commanding Officer about obtaining information on a nomination from your Branch of Service.

Does a nomination guarantee an appointment to an Academy?

- No. A nomination only guarantees that you will be considered by the Academy for an appointment.

If I do not receive a nomination, am I allowed to reapply?

- Yes. Students are allowed to apply as many times as they would like until they reach the age limits specified by their Academy of choice. On average, 30 percent of current students at the Academies have completed a year of college prior to attending the Academy.

If I am not offered an appointment, am I able to apply for admission to one of the official Academy Preparatory School?

- No. You cannot apply for admission to the official Academy Preparatory Schools. The Academies will choose which students they believe are the best fit for their preparatory school.